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<u>AMENDMENT A</u>

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated May 21, 2003, having a term that expired on August 21, 2003. A petition for a 3-month Extension of Time extending the deadline for responding to the Official Action up to and including November 21, 2003 is attached hereto. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

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<u>AMENDMENTS</u>

Please amend the subject U.S. Patent Application as indicated on the following sheets: